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SUBJECT: October 21 MFA PRESS BRIEFING: TERRORIST LIST, NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH PAKISTAN, GUANTANAMO UIGHURS, FINANCIAL CRISIS, PAKISTAN-INDIA RELATIONS, PRODUCT SAFETY

[1](#)1. Key points at the October 21 afternoon MFA press briefing were:

-- China hopes that "relevant countries will work with China to bring eight terrorists to justice."

-- China's cooperation with Pakistan on civilian nuclear energy is "subject to International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) supervision" and is for peaceful purposes consistent with the two countries' international obligations.

-- The United States should "not adopt double standards" and should repatriate 17 Uighurs to China.

-- The international community should "strengthen cooperation and jointly handle the financial crisis" but interests of developing countries should also be safeguarded.

-- China hopes that Pakistan and India will "work hard and strengthen cooperation to improve relations."

-- China attaches great importance to protecting product quality "especially for items used by children."

-- The ASEM is the "perfect platform" for leaders to exchange views on issues of common interest.

-- China is "conducting rescue work" aimed at freeing the Chinese citizens kidnapped in Sudan.

#### Terrorist List

[1](#)2. The list of eight terrorists released today by the Ministry of Public Security demonstrates China's willingness to work with the international community to combat terrorism, said MFA spokesperson Qin Gang at the October 21 regular MFA press briefing. China "calls for international cooperation" to combat terrorism said Qin, noting that the eight terrorists are still at large. "Every criminal will be brought to justice" said Qin. China hopes that "relevant countries will have a commitment to anti-terrorism and be willing to work with China to bring the terrorists to justice." Qin noted that all countries "have reached a consensus" on the issue of terrorism and have agreed to combat "terrorism, extremism and separatism." Combating these three forces is "conducive to regional peace and stability." The MFA will post on its website a list of those countries which need to strengthen their security for the benefit of Chinese citizens working and living overseas.

#### Pakistan Nuclear Deal

[1](#)3. China and Pakistan have "good cooperation in the field of civil nuclear energy," said Qin in response to a question about recently announced agreements between the two countries. China would like to "continue the cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit." The cooperation is "subject to International Atomic

Energy Association (IAEA) supervision" and is for "peaceful purposes" which are "consistent with the two countries' international obligations."

#### Release of Uighurs

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¶4. Qin referred reporters to U.S. Government court documents in response to a question regarding 17 Uighurs held at Guantanamo Bay. Qin said that the U.S. Government has said that the Uighurs "could be potentially dangerous if released in the United States." The United States "should not adopt double standards" said Qin. Qin added that China "has consistently required the United States to repatriate the terrorists to China to be brought to justice."

#### Financial Crisis

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¶5. The international community should "strengthen cooperation and jointly handle the financial crisis" said Qin. Recently many world leaders have made important remarks on the financial crisis which "deserve China's attention." China hopes the measures will help the "stability of international financial markets," but the "interests and concerns of developing countries should be fully respected and safeguarded" as well.

#### Kashmir

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¶6. Qin said that he was "happy to hear" that India and Pakistan have resumed trade across the Kashmir border. China hopes that the two

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countries will "work hard and strengthen cooperation to improve relations." The improvement of relations will be "good for the two countries as well as stability in the South Asia region." China is a friend and neighbor of both countries, said Qin.

#### Defective Cribs

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¶7. Qin had not heard of reports that defective cribs manufactured in China are being recalled in the United States. China attaches great importance to protecting product quality "especially for items used by children." If a problem occurs, China hopes foreign countries and companies will bring it to the attention of the Chinese government. Qin said that he was "upset" to learn of the problem cribs.

#### Asia Europe Meeting

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¶8. Leaders from 45 countries plan to meet at the upcoming Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Beijing, but Qin was unsure of how many heads of state would attend. The ASEM is the "perfect platform" for leaders to exchange views on issues of common interest, said Qin.

#### Sudan Kidnappings of Chinese Citizens

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¶9. China is "conducting rescue work" aimed at freeing the Chinese citizens kidnapped in Sudan, said Qin. China is committed to working with the international community to promote peace and reconciliation in Sudan and Darfur. China also hopes that the dual-track strategy will be maintained. China's trade with Sudan is based on "mutual benefit" and is "supported by the majority of the Sudanese people."

#### Visits

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¶10. Prime Minister Wen Jiabao will visit Russia and Kazakhstan from October 21-31. Wen will visit Kazakhstan to attend the 7th Shanghai Cooperation Organization Prime Ministerial meeting during. Vice Premier Wang Qishan will visit Russia from October 25-28 to discuss energy issues. State Councilor Liu Yandong will visit Russia from

October 25-30.

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